

## **Project “Printing Center Chaminade” Lezhe – Albania**

### **History:**

1999: Father Rogazionisti, from the city of Lezhe called Bro. Luciano Levri SM and Fr. Alberto Colombo SM to open a Printing Center.

2001: Settlement of the Marianist Community in Lezhe

August 2002: Implementation of the Housing Project for the Marianist Brothers.

### **Goals of the Project:**

To fight against youth unemployment creating jobs.

To foster a culture of cooperation among the youth.

To provide the youth with a sense of hope that a different country and a different future are possible.

To respond to the needs of the Albanese Catholic Dioceses in activities like catechism, liturgy, youth and adult ministry, etc.

### **The participants in the Project are:**

**The Albanese SM Community** (Task: preparation of the place, individualization of the youth who will take part in the design and printing courses)

**The Vercelli SM Community** (Task: Organization of the delivery of machinery, printing material, technicians and supporting staff, fund-raising)

**The Social Working Cooperative S. Guiseppe Lavoratore** (Task: Cooperation in the acquisition of machinery and in recruiting specialized technicians)

### **Difficulties we are facing:**

Lack of electrical power (2 or 3 hours every day): it is supplied by a generating set.

Inadequate logistic structures: especially concerning lack of water and of proper sewage system.

### **Machinery and Materials:**

The printing machinery is simple due to shortage of technical assistance.

The design machinery is updated (computer assisted)

### **Implementation (August 15<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> 2003) in 2 stages:**

Preparation of the Laboratory

Design and printing course in which **9 guys and 2 girls** from Lezhe participate.

With a part of the course common to everyone

And a second part of the course divided into 2 specializations: design and printing.

### **Achievements:**

4 guys and Fr. Davide Gozio SM are working in the Printing Center with very good results.

The workers are receiving a satisfactory salary.

NB: to encourage and sustain the relative production of the new workers/ apprentices, an employment bureau has been created.

### **The Project goes on to be:**

Assisted with regular visits of voluntary technicians who stay on a weekly basis.

Enlarged by means of the acquisition of new machinery necessary to meet the new work demands.

### **Cost of the implementation of the program (to date):**

Around 38.000 Euros

The costs have been financed by:

Private Donations

Initiatives of the Marianist Community with the volunteers.

Intervention of the SM.

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